1 2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 7 RAY A. SANDLES et al., CASE NO. C23-1665-KKE 8 Plaintiffs. v. ORDER DISMISSING CASE WITHOUT 9 **PREJUDICE** SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, 10 Defendant. 11 12 The complaint in this matter was filed on November 14, 2023. Dkt. No. 9. On April 18, 13 2024, the Court extended the deadline for Plaintiffs to serve Defendant to May 31, 2024. Dkt. No. 14 15. Plaintiffs have not provided proof of service. Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m) the 15 Court "must dismiss the action without prejudice against that defendant or order that service be 16 made within a specified time." Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m). Having already granted Plaintiffs an 17 extension of time to serve Defendant, the Court finds this case should be dismissed without 18 prejudice. 19 The Clerk is instructed to enter judgment as provided above and to close the case. 20 Dated this 28th day of June, 2024. 21 Hymberly X Eanson 22 Kymberly K. Evanson 23 United States District Judge 24